

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/773,689

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed February 6, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/6/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M. David Paw on January 31, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. In claim 21 : please replace the dependency of the claim from "22" to "20".

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a. Claims 1 - 16 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a device for inspecting an eccentric bushing having interior and exterior surfaces, said device comprising an eccentric bushing disposed between the first holding device and the second and third holding devices, such that the first holding device is disposed against the interior surface of the eccentric bushing and such that the contact element and the second and third contact devices are disposed against the exterior surface of the eccentric bushing, whereby rotation of the eccentric bushing moves the contact element, which causes the display to provide readings showing changes in the distance between the interior and exterior surfaces of the eccentric bushing as the eccentric bushing is rotated in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

b. Claims 17 - 24 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method of inspecting an eccentric bushing having interior and exterior surfaces, said method comprising the steps of positioning an eccentric bushing between the first roller and the second and third rollers, such that the first, second and third central axes are arranged in a triangular configuration, and such that the first roller is disposed against the interior surface of the eccentric bushing and such that the contact element and the second and third rollers are disposed against the exterior surface of the eccentric bushing, whereby rotation of the eccentric bushing moves the contact element, and measuring the movement of the contact element to provide a measure of the changes in

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distance between the interior and exterior surfaces of the eccentric bushing as the eccentric bushing is rotated in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

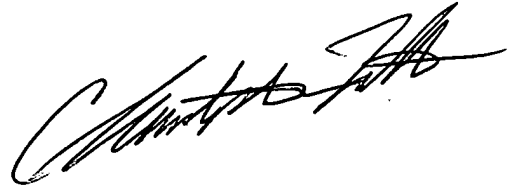
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaritza Guadalupe whose telephone number is (571)272 -2244. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Yaritza Guadalupe-McCall
Patent Examiner
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January 31, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher W. Fulton', written in a cursive style.

**CHRISTOPHER W. FULTON
PRIMARY EXAMINER**